(d) whether the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has objected to it; and

(e) if so, what are the grounds thereof and the reaction of the Sangathan and Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) All Kendriya Vidyalayas teach Hindi and English from Class I onwards. The Central Board of Secondary Education, to which all the Kendriya Vidyalayas are affiliated, has prescribed Hindi, English and one of the modern Indian languages for secondary school examination. Sanskrit will be taught alongwith Hindi as part of Hindi A Course. Also the students may offer one of the seven classical and European languages including Sanskrit as an additional language. The Kendriya Vidyalayas are according teaching of languages on this basis beginning from the current session.

(c) The National Policy on Education requires teaching of languages in the schools to be in accordance with the three language formula. The teaching of languages in schools is not directly related with the languages in the VIII Schedule of the Constitution.

(d) and (e) The All India Kendriya Vidyalayas Teachers Association has conveyed its disappointment about implementation of Central Board of Secondary Education's Scheme in Kendriya Vidyalayas saying that this has robbed Sanskrit of its independent status. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan will make adequate arrangements for teaching of Sanskrit while implementing the scheme of studies prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education

Long term perspective for conservation of energy by Railways

*10. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have prepared a long term perspective plan to conserve energy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated amount which would be saved by the implementation of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Indian Railways have prepared a Corporate Plan for 1985—2000 wherein under one identified corporate strategy of cost reduction, fuel-consumption is proposed to be reduced through changes in traction policy, use of new technology for motive power and rolling stock, improved operations etc. Though adoption of adequate measures, it is estimated that it would be possible to reduce fuel cost per unit of traffic in real terms by about 20 per cent over the period 1985 to 2000 AD.

Change in China's policy towards India

*11. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government perceive any change in China's policy towards India; if so to what extent; and

(b) by when the Prime Minister proposes to visit China?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Chinese Government have stated that they attach importance to their relations with India and that China wishes to improve and develop relations with India on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. This position has been taken note of by the Government of India.

(b) The Prime Minister is expected to visit China in December this year.